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1. AS EXPECTED (REF. A), THE PRICES FOR PREFERENTIAL IMPORTS OF ACP SUGAR HAVE BEEN SET AT A LEVEL OF APPROXIMATELY 2 PERCENT ABOVE THOSE RECEIVED FOR THE 1977/78 SEASON FOLLOWING A MEETING BETWEEN COMMISSION OFFICIALS AND ACP COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES ON JUNE 22. THE GUARANTEED PRICE FOR ACP SUGAR HAS BEEN SET AT 278.1 UNITS OF ACCOUNT PER METRIC TON FOR RAW SUGAR (STANDARD QUALITY, BEET) AND 344.9 UNITS OF ACCOUNT PER METRIC TON FOR WHITE SUGAR FOR THE PERIOD JULY 1, 1978 TO JUNE 30, 1979. THESE ARE EQUIVALENT, RESPECTIVELY, TO THE 1978/79 SUPPORT PRICES FOR EEC SUGARBEET PRODUCERS AND TO THE DERIVED INTERVENTION PRICE
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FOR WHITE SUGAR SET FOR THE UK. THEY WILL APPLY TO EC IMPORTS OF AROUND 1.3 MILLION METRIC TONS OF PREFERENTIAL SUGAR. THE SUCCESSFUL ONE-DAY NEGOTIATING SESSION ON THE 22ND AS THE SECOND ATTEMPT BY NEGOTIATORS TO ARRIVE AT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. THE EC-ACP SUGAR NEGOTIATIONS WHICH BEGAN ON MARCH 24, WERE SUSPENDED ON MAY 25 AS ACP COUNTRIES CONTINUED TO SEEK AN UNSPECIFIED HIGHER RATE OF

INCREASE FOR THE GUARANTEED PRICE THAN THE 2 PERCENT BEING OFFERED BY THE EC. IT BECAME CLEAR, HOWEVER, DURING THE INTERIM THAT THE EC WAS NOT PREPARED TO CONSIDER INCREASES BEYOND THE 2 PERCENT GRANTED EC PRODUCERS DURING THE RECENT PRICE NEGOTIATIONS.

2. ACCORDING TO COMMISSION SOURCE, THE ACP COUNTRIES PRESSED FOR A SUBSIDY ON FREIGHT RATES ON PREFERENTIAL SUGAR DURING THE NEGOTIATIONS; WHILE THE COMMISSION HAS AGREED TO STUDY THE QUESTION, SOURCE SAID THAT THEY DID NOT INDICATE WHEN OR WHETHER THEY WOULD GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO THE REQUEST. MORRIS

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